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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, I am very glad to express the opinion of the public that the present Government are extending their sympathetic attitude towards Harijans here also. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether this Government will still extend their sympathetic attitude to the Harijans affected by the cyclone and treat 50 per cent of the amount given to them as free-grant?

THE HON. SRI. C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have tried to help all poor people irrespective of caste, creed, or community.

Arrest of Muslim peasants in Kinaloor amsam

* 3416 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any reports regarding the arrest of 26 Muslim peasants in Kinaloor amsam near Balusseri, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar, on 27th August 1955 by the Inspector of Police, Badagara, in connexion with the eviction proceedings against them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not quite correct to say that 26 Muslim peasants were arrested on 27th August 1955. Actually seven persons only were arrested on that day on a complaint of alleged house trespass. The arrested persons were charged under section 448, I.P.C., in the Court of Sub-Magistrate, Badagara, but have since been discharged by the Court.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware, Sir, that these Muslims were arrested because the landlord wanted to evict them from their huts in which they had lived for years together, and it is in the interest of the landlord that the Police interfered and arrested these people? May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware of the fact that in Malabar the Police Department interferes even in cases of eviction of tenants and supports the landlords as a general rule? Will the Government be pleased to stop this and see that in cases like these the judicial authorities take a decision? Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Police Department there not to interfere in cases like these?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Both the question and the supplementaries arising out of it are a little bit misleading. As a matter of fact in this case, the landlord went to the Court, obtained a decree, and in execution of the decree, he wanted to take possession. There was obstruction on the part of persons who were occupying the huts, and it is only in pursuance of the Court decree and the Court order that the Police help was sought and given. Therefore there was no question of the Police coming into the scene without the judicial authorities having been resorted to first.

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR : Sir, are the Government aware that the landlord is the father of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, a Member of this House, and that this information would be more useful to the hon. Member?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is what I find from the records, but I did not want to give the relationship.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, when it is a general question regarding trespass or a matter involving the execution of a Court decree, how does the question of Hindu or Muslim creep in?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is what I have said even at the very beginning that the question and the supplementaries are misleading as if there is some communal dispute in this and that Muslims are being tyrannised. That is the impression which the hon. Member belonging to the Communist Party wants to create. There is absolutely no such thing in this.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that Communists would not allow anybody, whether he is the father of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, a Member of this House, or the father of Sri K. P. Gopalan, to go against the interests of the peasants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I know, Sir, that the Communists never miss an opportunity to fish in troubled waters and try to take advantage of any trouble.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act

* 3417 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have framed any rules on the new legislation applying the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act to the working journalists; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A draft of the Madras Working Journalists (Industrial Disputes) Rules, 1955, framed under the Working Journalists (Industrial Disputes) Act, 1955, was published in the Rules Supplement to Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th November 1955 for eliciting objections and suggestions as required under section 38 of the Industrial Disputes Act. The Working Journalists (Industrial Disputes) Act, 1955, has since been replaced by the Working Journalists (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955. It was therefore considered not necessary to confirm the rules.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know whether the Central Government have given any instruction to this State Government regarding the framing of the rules and whether this Government have sent any recommendation to them regarding the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, under the provisions of the first Act referred to by me, this Government could